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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR-POWERED WARSHIP (NPW) VISITS TO MOROCCO

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1. DURING AUDIENCE JAN 8, THE KING TOOK INITIATIVE TO REFER TO OUR PAST INTEREST IN HAVING A NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINE VISIT MOROCCO. HE NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN MUCH BUREAUCRAFTIC WRANGLING OVER THE MATTER, BUT THAT WAS NOW PAST. KING WAS NOW IN A POSITION TO LOOK POSITIVELY UPON A REQUEST BY USG FOR SUCH A VISIT. THE VISIT SHOULD TAKE PLACE "FARTHER DOWN THE COAST", HE COMMENTED. (I TAKE THIS TO MEAN A PORT SOUTH OF CASABLANCA, PERHAPS AGADIR.)

2. REFERRING TO THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF COMMANDER OF THE SIXTH FLEET ADMIRAL TURNER, SCHEDULED FOR JAN 20-23, THE KING COMMENTED THAT THE TIMING OF THE VISIT WAS EXCELLENT. HE SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE ADMIRAL FOR AN AUDIENCE, PARTICULARLY SINCE HE HAD BEEN PREVENTED BY ILLNESS FROM SEEING ADM TURNER DURING LATTER'S EARLIER VISIT TO MOROCCO.

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3. COMMENT: THE KING'S NEW FORTHCOMINGNESS ON NPW VISITS

IS EVIDENTLY RELATED TO HIS HOPE FOR INCREASED U.S. SUPPORT
FOR MOROCCO IN CONTEXT OF WHAT MAY BE PROTRACTED PERIOD OF
TENSE MOROCCAN RELATIONS WITH ALGERIA OVER SAHARA ISSUE.
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